



REAR ADMIRAL ELIZABETH A. HIGHT, USN

Vice Director, Defense Information Systems Agency

RADM Elizabeth A. Hight is the vice director of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). As vice director, she helps lead a worldwide organization of more than 6,600 military and civilian personnel responsible for planning, developing, and providing interoperable, global net-centric solutions that serve the needs of the president, secretary of defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the combatant commanders, and other Department of Defense (DoD) components.

RADM Hight joined the Navy in March 1977, and her first duty station was Naval Communications Area Master Station WESTPAC, Guam where she was the High-Frequency Receiver Site Division Officer. In 1979, she reported to NAS Pensacola where she established the command's first Human Resources Office, followed by 2 years as the base Public Affairs Officer. In 1984, RADM Hight reported to the CNO staff (OP-094) as the Program Sponsor for the UHF Satellite Communications Program. In July 1986, she reported to the U.S. Space Command Directorate of Plans (J5) as a plank-owner, and in February 1988, she was selected to serve as a member of the USSPACECOM Commander-in-Chief's Group. In July 1989, RADM Hight reported to the Director, Communications Security Material Systems as executive officer. In July 1991, she was assigned to the Program Executive Officer for Space, Communications, and Sensors (PMW-146) where she served as the assistant program manager for Operations.

In May 1993, RADM Hight reported to the Fleet Surveillance Support Command as Commanding Officer. In March 1995, she reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel as the Assistant Branch Head, Fleet Support Assignments Office. Upon completion of that tour in July 1997, RADM Hight was transferred to the Joint Staff/J6 where she served as the Chief, Current Operations Division and then as the Executive Assistant to the Director, C4 Systems. In June 2000, RADM Hight reported as the U.S. Space Command Liaison Officer to the U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany.

In July 2001, RADM Hight reported for duty as Commanding Officer, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic and Program Manager for Mid-Atlantic Region Information Technology. In June 2002, she was selected for promotion to Rear Admiral Lower Half and reported to OPNAV 6/7 where she was the Director, Net-Centric Warfare.

In September 2005, she became the principal director for DISA's Global Information Grid Operations Directorate and deputy commander for Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations. In January 2006, she was promoted to Rear Admiral Upper Half.

RADM Hight's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of third award), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and Air Force Master Space Badge. RADM Hight graduated from Huntingdon College as a triple major in psychology, sociology, and social work. She is a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College, the Naval Post-graduate School with a master's degree in telecommunications systems, and George Washington University with a master's degree in information systems. (Current as of April 2007)